

REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register: 25 May 1998
Name of applicant/court: Comptroller of Customs
Applicant to the Labelling Body: Not Applicable
Title of Publication: Color Climax 158
Other Known Titles: Not Stated
Director: Not Applicable
Producer: Not Applicable
Publisher: Color-Climax Corporation
Author: Not Applicable
Format: Magazine
Country of Origin: Denmark
Language: English

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Components of film originally examined:

Feature:	Not Applicable	Running time:
Trailers:		Running time:
		Total Running time:

Excision/Alteration: Not Applicable.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display Conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

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Not Applicable.

Direction to issue a label has been given on Not Applicable

SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The magazine *Color Climax 158* has been classified as:
Objectionable.

The magazine contains high resolution colour photographs of sexual activity between men and women. Participants are degraded and dehumanised by the use of a sustained close focus on the display of their genitals. The women models are often placed in contrived and uncomfortable positions for easy access by the camera to their sexual parts. The magazine also has a high concentration of images of women's faces being ejaculated upon. The sexual material includes close-focus depictions of degrading and dehumanising sexual conduct such as the simultaneous penetration of a woman's vagina by two penises, and the insertion of objects such as a wooden crucifix into a woman's vagina. The text, written in graphic sexual terms, works together with these images to present highly degrading and dehumanising images of sexual conduct.

The rights and freedoms contained in s14 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 has been considered in relation to this magazine. However, because of the significant weighting given to the inclusion of depictions of degrading and dehumanising sexual conduct, and to the highly degrading and dehumanising manner in which sexual materials are presented, the availability of the publication is considered likely to be injurious to the public good. Therefore, the restriction on the availability of the publication is a reasonable limit prescribed by law and is demonstrably justified.

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